

**Summary of the Second Sustainable Fisheries Interim Coordination Mechanism Meeting
2nd December, 2015**

Participants

Name	Abbreviation	Designation	Organization
Mr. Raymond Van Anrooy	RV	Executive Secretary	WECAFC-FAO
Mr. Milton Haughton	MH	Executive Director	CRFM
Mr. Sergio Martinez	SM	Consultant	OSPESCA
Mr. Patrick Debels	PD	Regional Coordinator	CLME+ PCU
Mrs. Laverne Walker	LW	Senior Project Officer	CLME+ PCU

Agenda

1. Review and update of the workplan
2. Session of WECAFC and governance workshop
3. Status of the MOU for the interim arrangement
4. CRFM-OSPESCA joint ministerial meeting

Meeting Development

1 – Review and Update of the Workplan

- Participants agreed that the workplan for the first year (November 2015 to October 2016) would consider spiny lobster, queen conch, IUU fishing, RFMO process, and communications.
- MH and SM: indicated they consider a priority those activities outlined in the CRFM-OSPESCA Joint Action Plan to be also the priority areas of the interim arrangement.
- SM: said that their ideas for the workplan will be submitted in a week given them the opportunity to speak within their organizations, particularly in the case of OSPESCA.
- PD: suggested that recent achievements of CRFM, OSPESCA and WECAFC be included as an activity for the workplan of the interim arrangement. Participants agreed.
- RV: informed the need for funds for this assessment and for its translation in Spanish and French. PD confirmed that CLME+ Project can support this initiative. Therefore, RV would draft the TORs and share it with the members of the interim arrangement prior to its WECAFC membership distribution.

2 - Session of WECAFC and Governance Workshop

- RV: confirmed the WECAFC 16th Session will take place in Guadeloupe 20-24 June 2016. The group reviewed the draft agenda for the proposed governance workshop supported by the EU which would be held in between this WECAFC Session. The purpose of the workshop was to raise awareness of the Chief Fisheries Officers about issues they may not be familiar with, but are important internationally, such as the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, the work of the International Seabed Authority, etc.

- It was agreed that the Sustainable Development Goal 14 – Life Below Water should also be added to the proposed agenda.

3 - Status of the MOU for the Interim Arrangement

- RV: informed that the MOU is moving forward towards its signature, and then goes to CRFM and OSPESCA. The finalization of this process would require the submission of additional materials to his supervisors, including a copy of the workplan of the interim arrangement. MH indicated that CRFM will provide documents to assist RV.
- RV: currently the MOU went successfully through a revision by FAO legal department. However, there are still some chances that a few changes could be suggested, implying that these changes would not be significant.
- LW: asked SM if OSPESCA had already begun their consultation process with their member States on the MOU, considering that in the Barbados meeting the OSPESCA director indicated this consultation will take place before is signed. It was suggested that OSPESCA may wish to commence this consultation soon, so that the other two RFBs would also be ready to sign the MOU when FAO communicate the go ahead to sign.

4 - Meetings of the Interim Arrangement for Sustainable Fisheries

Participants agreed to the following meetings of the Interim Arrangement for 2016:

- During the CLME+ SCM meeting 26-28 January, 2016, Cartagena
- During CRFM Fisheries Forum Meeting, 7-8 April, 2016 Guyana
- During 16 Session WECAFC 20-24 June, 2016 Guadeloupe

4 - CRFM-OSPESCA Joint Ministerial Meeting

- PD: asked if CRFM and OSPESCA were planning on having a Joint CRFM-OSPESCA Joint Ministerial meeting anytime within the next two years, thus the CLME+ Project can support this encounter. MH will communicate once an agreement is reached.